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Snow fails to hinder demonstrations

BY KEVIN VINK
 MVP Staff

Despite the snowy weather last Thursday, local pharmacy owners and employees stuck to their word and closed their doors to demonstrate and show residents that they mean business when it comes to fighting the provincial government budget cuts.

Didsbury Value Drug Mart owner Brad Blatz explained the rallies were to inform residents of some of the problems that pharmacies across the province are going to face with the impending cuts.

"It's mainly about spreading that awareness to people," said Blatz.

"So we're not so much viewing it as a protest as much as an engagement of the public and putting out that information the government chooses not to supply them with."

As part of its 2013 budget, the provincial government announced that effective May 1, the price for existing generic drugs listed on the Alberta provincial formulary will be reduced to 18 per cent of the brand name cost. The reduction from the current pricing of 35 per cent of brand name drugs is expected to further save Albertans money when they fill their prescriptions, according to government officials.

The problem, said Blatz, is that the provincial government is not telling the whole story when it comes to the cuts being made.

"They may talk about how Ontario is 'thriving' in their system that they've kind of changed along these lines a couple of years ago, which is completely false," he stated.

Ontario's funding model is completely different than Alberta's, he noted, and the cuts are being made far faster and far deeper in Alberta.

"They're spreading a lot of information about international drug prices and how Canada's even now so much more expensive than those other countries. What they're not telling is those other countries are experiencing exactly the problems that we're warning them about," he said.

"They're experiencing the shortages we're telling them about and they're experiencing the increased costs that we're talking about."

The more the government handicaps the drug system, the worse it's going to get, he said.

"They're not grasping the entire scope of what they're doing. It's going to come back and bite the system."

Along with demonstrating and informing residents, employees were also promoting a provincewide petition asking the government to consult pharmacies and their stakeholders to develop a system that can reduce drug prices, while not reducing the level of service being provided.

"Pharmacies are absolutely not opposed to lower drug prices," noted Blatz.

"But we're asking them to develop a system that allows pharmacies to be sustainable and still offer the services that the government expects, we expect of ourselves, and our patients expect."

There has to be an alternative funding model in place to recoup the drop in drug prices, or services are going to suffer and pharmacies are going to close, he added.

"It can't be business as usual if they cut prices and not develop that alternative system, so the petition is basically calling on the government to work with us and develop that system to make it sustainable," he noted.

He said many of the funds that the government says it is reinvesting in pharmacies have already been committed.

"In fact, for a lot of those funds, the expiry on that more or less ran out March 31, which was the day before the first cuts came out."

"So when they talk about \$90 million being reinvested in pharmacy, a lot of that has already been allocated. That's transition funding for the last round of cuts and the last hits that pharmacy took."

Didsbury and Carstairs Pharmasave owner Jody Keller took a few minutes to elaborate on the demonstrations and his company's reasons for them.

"We're fighting for what we believe in. We're fighting for our patients," said Keller.

"We're fighting for the reduction in patient services that we're likely to see as a result of the government's draconian measures and then not involving our pharmacists' association in presenting a viable and sustainable funding model for pharmacy."

The weather hindered the demonstration somewhat, he noted, but he and his staff were happy with the amount of support residents were showing by honking, as well as the ones that did stop by to sign the petition and get letter templates. "We've had several petitions signed, we've had several letters written, and we have templates set up there to make sure that the customers, the patients, and the residents of

Didsbury are fully informed and to assist in any of their communication to their MLAs."

He addressed some of the claims by the government that it is reinvesting in pharmacies.

"They'll again have the public believe that they're spending \$40 million. They are not. They are just not informing the truths of the situation to the general public," he said. "Really, the savings is not \$40 million, it's \$12 million that they're putting back into what they're taking away."

Ninety million dollars is what they are saving this coming year, whereas the government is only reinvesting \$12 million, he explained.

"It's disappointing to hear the amount of money that they're spending, and then only telling half the story. They've spent \$400,000 of taxpayer money to state that we will have the lowest prices in the country for generic medications," he said.

"What they're not telling the public is what are going to be the costs to the system."

He added that on Wednesday, the government announced that it added funds to lessen the burden of the transition, also making it sound like the Alberta Pharmacists' Association endorsed it.

"It couldn't be further from the truth. We openly and overwhelmingly rejected it," he stated.

According to Keller and Blatz, to date, their stores in both Didsbury and Carstairs have garnered about 825 signatures, and that number is steadily increasing, they noted.

For more information on how the cuts will affect pharmacy care in Alberta, see "Pharmacy issues explained" on p.4.



Didsbury Pharmasave staff demonstrate outside of the store on April 11.

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Residents still footing bill for cleanup

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Town officials are once again asking residents to respect the Didsbury Recycling Centre after continued misuse and abuse of the public facility.

Over the past six months, there have been numerous incidents of residents dropping items off at the Recycling Centre that don't belong there, say town officials. These include old appliances, construction material and household garbage.

In addition, a recent Town of Didsbury press release states that some users are not sorting their recycling properly - thus putting items in containers that they don't belong in - or not breaking down boxes to put in the cardboard bin and leaving them on the ground.

Public Works employees work diligently to keep the centre tidy and garbage-free, but when abuse such as this occurs, it comes at a cost to all taxpayers, say town officials.

Officials estimate that each time staff are required

to haul large items to the landfill, the bill totals around \$500. This includes staff time, equipment use and tipping fees at the landfill.

Roy Brown, chief administrative officer for the town, said that all taxpayers are bearing the financial burden of this continued problem.

"Every taxpayer pays for these people," said Brown.

"The town has to pay to haul these materials to the landfill and we have to pay at the landfill to dump them," he added.

"Every taxpayer pays to clean up after these people through staffing and equipment costs."

Residents are again being encouraged to report incidents of misuse of the centre by calling the Didsbury Information Line at 403-335-2030.

Fines for a solid waste and recycling collection violation (Bylaw 03-01) start at \$115 for the first offence.

If anybody requires more information on what is and is not accepted at the Didsbury Recycling Centre, they are encouraged to visit the Town of Didsbury website at (www.didsbury.ca).



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One example of many misuses of the recycling centre reported by officials.

Lions gearing up for auction

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The Didsbury Lions are going to hold their annual fundraising auction this Saturday at the curling rink.

Club member Doris Born said that much of the money raised at the auction will be put towards the purchase of a new community bus.

"It's getting kind of old and we have had a little bit of problems with the ramp that we

use to bring wheelchairs up on board, things like that," said Born. "So we're looking at buying a brand new bus."

The club rented a space in the curling rink at the Memorial Complex and Pilgrim Auction will be helping auction off the assortment of goods available, she noted.

"We get donations from the community and from our Lions members of new or slightly-used items and we auction them off," she explained, noting that last year, the auction brought in about \$5,000.

"It seems to be a nice time for everybody and we help our community," she said.

The club has already started collecting items, and the residents and merchants of the Didsbury and Olds areas have donated to it, she added.

The items will be auctioned off one at a time in a live-auction setting, with the viewing beginning at 11 a.m. while the auction itself will begin at noon, she said.

The Lions support more than just the bus, she noted, such as pro-

viding help with disaster relief and medical crises.

"We do quite a few different things around the community. We also help to support the jazz group at the high school, so it's not just handicapped or elderly people that we help, we also help the youth of our community," she said.

If any person or business would like to donate gently-used items for sale at the auction, Born invites them to talk to any Lions member or to contact her directly at 403-559-7875.

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Scouts making their way to jamboree

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

The 1st Didsbury Scouts have been steadily raising funds to attend the 2013 Canadian Scout Jamboree in Sylvan Lake this July.

Lee-Anne Akister, treasurer for the group, said the patrol has raised about \$5,000 for the trip and that they still need about \$3,000 to attend.

The patrol has been raising money through various initiatives including canvassing businesses for sponsorship, selling popcorn, and serving food at various community events.

"During the trade show we had a beef-on-a-bun booth," said Akister. "I don't have the figures from that yet, but it went pretty well. We sold almost all of our supply."

Her husband, Scouter Jason, is also offering up his beard, she added.

"He has quite the beard, and will shave it off if he can raise \$650 - the amount of one scout's registration. Anyone wanting to donate can call us and we'll set it up," she said.

During the upcoming show and shine, the Scouts will be operating a car wash and they are still collecting bottles as part of their ongoing bottle drive, she said.

The Scouts will also be hosting a spaghetti dinner fundraiser at the Elks Hall on April 27, with musical guest Jason Hastie lined up for entertainment, she said.

Scouter Keri Sharpe, a leader for the patrol, said fundraising this year has gone well so far.

"It's been really good," said Sharpe. "The Elks, as you know, really came through (with their \$3,000 donation). That was outstanding."

She noted that donation took a lot of pressure off, because it was close to half of the total amount needed for the Scouts to go to Jamboree.

"And the community bottles request has gone really well. I think almost \$500 so far with people just phoning and saying 'Come get our bottles,' then they had a bottle drive with the school band too."

They are getting closer to their final

fundraising goal, but have to keep pushing in the coming months before jamboree, she added.

"It's gone well and we're still looking for other opportunities, so there's the spaghetti supper and May 25 is another bottle drive after the long weekend," she said.

Amber Hornbrook, a third-year scout, explained some of the things the group has been doing so far to raise money.

"We've been going around collecting bottles, we've been asking companies if they would like to support Cubs and Scouts for jamboree, and that's basically it," said Hornbrook.

She is looking forward to "making new friends (at jamboree), learning stuff and having fun," she said.

First-year scout Ben Sharpe said it will be the biggest camp he will have ever been to and is looking forward to it.

"I've been to lots of camps the years I've been in scouting, but this is gonna be the biggest one," said Sharpe.

Keri Sharpe noted that the Scouts appreciate the community support and are looking at some new ways to raise money, such as working with the Elks more.

"We really appreciated the donation from them and we look forward to working with them in an ongoing relationship, because it would be awesome," said Sharpe.

"It doesn't have to be that much all the time - that was pretty special - but if there's things we can do for them too, the kids are supposed to learn about community and civic responsibility."

She added they're scheduled to go out and build picnic tables at Rosebud Hall this year and are looking to do those kinds of things around the community.

For anybody who would like to donate bottles or pitch in towards Jason Akister's beard campaign, Lee-Anne Akister said they can contact her at 403-335-2388, or on Facebook at (www.facebook.com/didsburyscouts).



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Lucas Schulz helps bag cotton candy at the Scouts booth at the Didsbury Trade Expo on April 7.

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Premier Redford on shaky ground

While governments in power and their leaders are often quick to dismiss unfavourable public opinion polls, a recent survey of the popularity of Alberta Premier Alison Redford and other provincial political leaders cannot, perhaps, be so easily dismissed.

The poll released last week found that Redford's popular approval rating continues to fall steeply – and at the same time, her political rivals are seeing support that she cannot help but envy.

The Angus Reid survey, conducted shortly after the release of the 2013 provincial budget, found that Redford now has a less than 30 per cent approval rating, down markedly from 47 per cent four months ago and 55 per cent last summer.



DAN SINGLETON

The same survey found Wildrose leader Danielle Smith now enjoys an approval rating of 53 per cent, while both NDP leader Brian Mason and Liberal leader Raj Sherman have 34 per cent approval ratings.

While the premier and her ministers would be quick to say the survey results are of little or no concern, such optimism may be misplaced.

The fact that Redford's approval rating is now below all of her rivals should be a concern for both the premier herself and for her party.

For her part, Redford had better improve her approval rating markedly over the next months or face big trouble from her own party ranks at the November 2013 PC leadership convention.

Surely the experience of her predecessor, Ed Stelmach, should provide Redford with a stark warning of what can happen when a leader fails to retain support.

At the party level, the PCs of course still have several years left in their mandate. Yet, with opposition leader Danielle Smith now enjoying a wide margin of public approval over Redford, the warning signs are in the cards for everyone to see.

At the height of his power, former premier Ralph Klein, who passed away last month, was one of the most popular premiers the province had ever known.

Yet in the end it wasn't the voters who ended his reign. Instead it was his own party that pushed him out in 2006 after he failed to garner more than mediocre support during a leadership convention.

For Premier Redford similar dangers are now on the horizon, with her own party members set to decide in a few short months whether she will lead them into the next election.

And that is one poll that Premier Redford won't be able to avoid taking very seriously.

Many West Central Albertans and other provincial residents have concerns about the current government's health, education, infrastructure and other policies – concerns the premier would be wise to start addressing without further delay.



Pharmacy issues explained

The Government of Alberta's announcement around lowering generic drug prices sounds like it is a fantastic deal for taxpayers.

And, if I was not a pharmacist, I would probably agree. But the fact of the matter is that the government is refusing to tell Albertans the whole story.

They are focused only on the price of a product instead of looking at the health services that pharmacists provide and the big picture impact on patients and patient care.

As pharmacists who own our own businesses, we know the costs of providing the services that we are legally and ethically obligated to provide to patients.



BRAD BLATZ

We see, every day, what our patients are asking for and need because we help them ourselves. And as pharmacists, our role is to do

whatever it takes to ensure that our patients get the necessary care to meet their health-related needs.

That could be assessing an insect sting for a three-year-old child, determining if someone is suffering from heartburn, or

if we need to call an ambulance because they are having a heart attack – teaching a patient who has been newly diagnosed with diabetes how to use their blood glucose monitor, or consulting with hospital physicians and nursing staff to ensure a patient's medications were prescribed properly upon discharge.

All of these services are "unfunded" services. We do not receive any direct compensation for them. Instead, we use the income associated with selling products (i.e. medications) to provide this care.

We spend a good portion of our day in the pharmacy providing these types of unfunded services for our community. And with these cutbacks, these are the types of services that will be negatively impacted. The government and the health minister may deny this, but we are on the front lines providing the care and we have to manage the income and expenses which go along with that.

The government is dictating our income, so we have little choice but to either find a way to recoup that source of revenue or decrease our expenditures to remain viable.

We don't think our patients need nor deserve less service. And we also know if we are not available to provide those services, they will seek them elsewhere in the health system.

The last thing our doctors and emergency rooms need are

longer lines, but that is where they will be forced to go.

This past Thursday, pharmacies in Didsbury, Carstairs and around Alberta staged rallies and store closures to help bring these issues to the forefront.

We received tremendous support from our patients and neighbours and for that we are truly thankful.

It was an affirmation that the patients who receive these services also appreciate their value and can see the potential consequences if these services disappear.

It is now time for the government to recognize this as well, and stop expecting it to be "business as usual" despite these significant funding cuts.

Make no mistake; pharmacists are NOT opposed to lowering drug prices. Unfortunately, the Alberta government's unilateral decision to lower these prices is placing a tremendous economic burden on pharmacies and putting the future of pharmacy patient care in jeopardy.

We need this government to consult with pharmacists to develop a system that will work long term. We need a system that will preserve our ability to provide care to our patients.

We need a cost-effective system. We need a system that will benefit all Albertans.

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Didsbury Aquatic Centre Public Meeting

On April 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm, there will be a public meeting in the Multi Purpose Room at the Didsbury Memorial Complex. Council wants to hear from you in regards to the future of the Didsbury Aquatic Centre. If you are unable to attend the April 16 meeting, there will be a second meeting held on April 30, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

ROLLOUT CART PICK UP SCHEDULE

	April	May
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- Aspen Ridge Lodge - Various Positions
- Didsbury Cemetery Committee - Annual Fundraiser

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DIDSBURY NEIGHBORHOOD PLACE

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Community Garage Sale - May 4 from 8:00 am - noon. Cost is \$15.00 + GST to book a table.

Call Didsbury Neighborhood Place at 403.335.8719 to register or for more information.

Spring Street Sweeping

Please be advised that the Department of Public Works is beginning its Annual Spring Street Sweeping Program which will continue over the next several weeks between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

To provide efficient and quick sweeping, our equipment needs to get to the curb without obstructions. Please consider the following:

- Try to avoid Monday to Friday daytime parking on your street if possible.
- Safety is important for everyone, so please watch children carefully when the sweepers are on the roadway.
- Please watch for signage indicating street sweeping in your area.

The Spring Street Sweeping Program typically takes about 3-4 weeks to complete but may be delayed by cold or wet weather, parked vehicles or excessive amounts of winter sand and debris.

Your cooperation and patience is greatly appreciated. For further information, please call the Town's Public Works Department at 403-335-8343.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Development Permits have been issued for the following proposed developments:

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DP 13-18	306 Westhill Close	Waiver/Relaxation - Land Use Bylaw	R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403.335.3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **April 30, 2013.**

Dani Woodman - Development Officer

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Meeting to discuss pool costs, public opinions

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

Council was expected to hold the first of two public meetings concerning the future of the Didsbury Aquatic Centre on Tuesday, April 16.

The goal of the meeting was to educate the public

on the costs of the pool – both past and future – as well as gather input as to what residents think should be done with the pool, according to officials.

CAO Roy Brown said one reason for the meeting is that the costs to maintain and upgrade the pool over the next five years are estimated to be from \$1.2 to \$1.3 million.

"And that's a significant amount of money," said Brown. "So council asked the question - is this what the citizens want? Do they know how much it's going to cost?"

The meetings are to give residents information on how much the pool costs, and then for the citizens to give feedback to council as to whether they feel it is a worthwhile investment for the town to be making, he said.

"The idea that the pool is going to close is totally wrong, it's just we want feedback from the citizens," he stated.

Council is simply wanting residents to go in with both eyes open, knowing exactly what it's going to cost, and then asking for their opinions, he added.

"If citizens want it, then they're willing to put the money in, and if citizens don't feel it's a good investment for the future of the town, then that helps them make the decision too," said Brown.

In a recent report, compiled by CFO Nita Bartholow, the costs for the aquatic center over the next five years include "approximately \$600,000 in structural work, which consists mostly of blast cleaning and repainting the remaining exposed steel."

The estimates also include \$260,000 in mechanical work - including individual items ranging in estimates from \$1,500,000 for a pump, to \$70,000 for a ventilation unit.

Approximately \$20,000 in electrical work is required to maintain the building, as well as an additional approximate \$440,000 in architectural work, including \$200,000 for the roof.

"This comes to a total estimated cost of \$1,320,000 in recommended work to maintain the Didsbury Aquatic Centre," reported Bartholow. "At the most, the costs would be \$1,131,000 in the next 5 years."

For anybody who may have missed the meeting, there will be a second meeting on Tuesday, April 30 at 4 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Room at the Memorial Complex.



April 16

Council wants to hear from you regarding the future of the Didsbury Aquatic Center. Public meeting at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Complex Multi-purpose room.

April 17 and April 24

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served - supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 402-335-4739 for more info.

April 18 and April 25

1:30 pm. An invitation to all seniors to come and enjoy the Friends and Fun Program at the Eldon Foote Hall (train station). A weekly free program of games, activities and special events. If a ride is required, please call 403-335-4391.

April 18

Didsbury & District Community Bus trip to Rosebud Theater. For details or to make reservations call Evelyn Mercer at 403-335-4899.

April 22

Movies @ your library. Matinee at 2:00 pm will be "Rise of the Guardians". At 7:00 pm we will be screening "Les Misérables". Admission is by donation. Bring your own snacks. (Public Performance License sponsored by Front Porch Realty).

April 24

Coffee & Conversation will be held at the Museum on April 24 at 1 pm. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and learn about "Threads of Kindness". This is a group of quilters who make quilts for people needing extra love, support and kindness. If you have extra material to give them please bring it along.

April 26

Country & Western Dance at Melvin Hall. Music by Prairie Sunset. Dancing 7:30 to 10:30

May 1

Didsbury & District Community Bus Shopping or Casino at Sunridge Mall 10:30 to 3:15 or Casino Calgary 10:45 to 3:00 pm. Cost \$15 per person to be paid when booking (no refunds). Bus leaves Complex at 9:30 am. Call Evelyn at 403-335-4899 to book.

May 4

Westerdale 27th Annual Spring Fling (Steak Supper & Dance). Saturday, May 4 at 6:00 pm at Westerdale Hall. Tickets: \$20.00 each available from Club Members or call 403-335-4498, 335-4145

May 10 - 11

Friends of the Didsbury Library book sale. Friday, May 10 12 Noon to 7 pm and Saturday, May 11 from 9 am to 1 pm. Didsbury Lawn Bowling Club. 1619 22 Avenue. Pay by donation. All proceeds to Didsbury Library.

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For more information
phone 403-335-4451

St. Anthony's Catholic
2030 - 24 Ave. Didsbury
For more information please contact
Catholic Women's League:
Maxine Moreau 403-335-4948
Knights of Columbus:
Gary McNeil 403-335-8611
For more information
Olds St. Steven's Office
403-556-3084

Anglican Church of Canada
St. Cyrian's
2037 - 24th Ave. Didsbury - 403-335-4664
Rector - David Asher
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion - 2nd & 4th Sunday each month

West Zion Mennonite Church
westzion.com has a map for directions
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403-335-3551 Email cwc@citarenet.com

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Tree collision

Two people turned up at the Didsbury Hospital with serious but non-life-threatening injuries last Monday, April 8, somewhere between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., according to

police.

Sgt. Jeff Jacobson said there was no report of a collision at that point in time, but after further investigation, police determined that the pair were passengers in a

Police briefs

BY KEVIN VINK
MVP Staff

single-vehicle collision from Didsbury and earlier that day. 26-year-old female from the Carstairs area

The 42-year-old male

were transported to the Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary for treatment, he noted.

The site of the collision was not immediately known, though police were able to determine the location of the crash, which occurred west of Didsbury and Carstairs, off Twp. Rd. 312 and Highway 766, he said.

Police determined that a truck had entered the ditch and struck a tree. The man driving the vehicle was no longer at the scene and his whereabouts were unknown, he added.

The passengers were in the truck when it struck the tree, he said, noting that they called a friend to transport them to hospital, but the driver was not there when police arrived and had not reported the collision.

"Ultimately a vehicle was stopped by an assisting member from the Olds detachment and

the driver of the vehicle was located as a passenger in that vehicle," he said.

The driver is a 29-year-old male from the Bowden area, he noted.

Because of the time delays between the accident and apprehension of the driver, Jacobson was unable to comment on whether alcohol or drugs played a factor in the collision.

"It would have been probably a minimum of four hours between when the collision had occurred and when the driver was actually located," he said.

He stated that police are looking into reasons why the crash would not have been called in and reported, and as part of the investigation, they are looking into the possibility that drugs or alcohol played a factor.

"Our investigation is continuing, however charges are anticipated against the driver," he noted.

See Police p.10



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Correction:

In the April 6 edition of the *Review*, a photo caption incorrectly named a donor seen in the photo on page 3.

The caption should have read the following:

The Household Goods Thrift Store, a ministry of the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, donated \$5000 to the Didsbury Playground Society last month for their continued work in improving and building new parks and playgrounds in Didsbury.

Seen here, Chelsie Hopfe, Gina Hopfe, Brienne Hopfe and Maia Foster receive the cheque from Sylvia Derksen and Corinne Stoauffer.



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Carol Fuller.....	Gift Certificate (Didsbury Fountain Tire)
Teusdae Johnston.....	Gift Basket (Didsbury Library)
Robin McCleary.....	2 tickets Didsbury Cemetery Fundraiser Concert (Spectrum Design)
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Al Gil.....	Gift Certificate (Curves for Women)
R. Klinck.....	Gift Basket (Didsbury Pharmasave)
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Police

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Vehicle stop nets drugs

An 18-year-old from Carstairs is facing charges relating to possession of a controlled substance following a routine traffic stop on April 5 shortly after 10:30 p.m., said Jacobson.

An equipment violation was observed as a vehicle was travelling on Highway 2A just north of the Westcott Road. During the stop, the attending officer noticed a peculiar smell, he added.

After searching the vehicle, the officer discovered a quantity of cannabis marijuana and cannabis resin, he said.

The man was driving a black GMC Sierra truck, he noted.

Unreported collision

A Fortis pedestal was struck sometime overnight between midnight on April 8 and 10 a.m. the next morning, said Jacobson.

The pedestal was near the 200 block of Southridge Place, he added, noting that whoever struck it has not reported anything to date.

Alleged vandal caught

Following investigation related to a vandalism spree in the Westhills area on Feb. 23, police apprehended a 14-year-old male from the Didsbury area alleged to have taken part in the vandalism, said Jacobson.

"That was where there were vehicles spray-painted and some damage to a sign and a fence as well," he said.

The youth was arrested and released on a 15-count charge of mischief, he said, noting that he will be appearing in court in mid-May.

"Ultimately, our investigation resulted in laying the charges there," he said, "and the investigation is continuing to determine whether anybody else would have been involved in that."

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Men arrested, charged after ramming sheriff

BY JARED SIEMENS
MVP Staff

Two men have been remanded into police custody and formally charged following a high-speed chase and intentional ramming of an Alberta Sheriff Highway Patrol officer on Highway 2 near Carstairs on Monday, April 8 at 5:20 p.m.

Police said the sheriff with Airdrie Integrated Traffic Unit (comprised of RCMP Traffic Services members and Sheriff Highway Patrol officers) was responding to the complaint of an erratic driver travelling northbound at a high rate of speed on Highway 2 near Carstairs when the incident occurred.

When the sheriff spotted the reported vehicle, a blue Ford Super Duty with two male occupants, and tried to conduct a routine traffic stop, the driver rammed the sheriff's vehicle, said Cpl. Darrin Turnbull of the Airdrie RCMP detachment.

"The driver was travelling in the slow lane, when suddenly, and with intention, he smashed it into the sheriff's car," said Turnbull.

The collision sent the sheriff careening off of the highway and into the cable barrier that divides the northbound and southbound lanes of the highway, he said.

The officer in the sheriff's vehicle was taken to hos-

pital and treated for minor injuries, and was released that evening, Turnbull said.

The suspects then fled the scene, only to break down on a nearby range road.

A passing Good Samaritan stopped to assist when he was assaulted by the two males, who then stole his truck and fled again.

Turnbull explained that the passenger distracted the Good Samaritan in the ditch while the driver got into the driver's seat of the Good Samaritan's vehicle.

When the Good Samaritan realized what was going on, the passenger is reported to have pushed him into the ditch before hopping into the passenger seat.

As the two began to drive away, the Good Samaritan hopped onto the running board of the vehicle in an attempt to get his truck back, only to jump off as the vehicle began to pick up speed, said Turnbull.

The Good Samaritan didn't require any treatment for the assault, said Turnbull.

RCMP units from surrounding areas, including members of the Didsbury RCMP detachment, were called in to assist alongside an RCMP Police Service Dog and the Calgary Police Service HAWCS Helicopter.

The second stolen truck was located crashed into the ditch, police said.

The passenger fled on foot, Turnbull said, and was apprehended shortly after, while the driver stayed

with the stolen second vehicle and attempted to get it out of the ditch.

The driver was taken into custody by attending officers without incident, he said.

About 30 to 45 minutes passed between the time the driver swerved and collided with the sheriff's cruiser and the time the suspects were discovered crashed in the second vehicle and apprehended, Turnbull said.

The driver, 37-year-old Ralph Franson of Calgary, has been charged with 13 counts under the Criminal Code, including impaired driving (two counts), dangerous driving, assault against peace officer with weapon, hit and run (two counts), robbery, assault, possession of stolen property over \$5,000, theft over \$5,000, driving while disqualified (two counts), and three counts of no insurance under the Traffic Safety Act.

The passenger, 22-year-old Justin Franson of Edmonton, has been charged with five counts under the Criminal Code, including two counts of possession of stolen property over \$5,000, assault of a police officer, breach of recognizance, and robbery.

Both men appeared in Airdrie court on April 11, and both are set to return to Airdrie court again on separate dates in May.

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